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Mrs. Thompson President Of The Fortnightly Other Officers Chosen

At the final scheduled meeting of the Fortnightly, for the season, held last Friday afternoon at Alexander Hall, Mrs. Ray Thompson was elected President for the coming year, with Mrs. Carroll Miller, first vice-president, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, second vice-president, Miss Evelyn G. Lawley, recording secretary; Mrs. Dana Leavis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Pefferle, treasurer; Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, Mrs. Martin Vorce, and Miss Maude Hamilton, directors; Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Miss Julia B. Austin and Mrs. Charles Kehl, program committee; Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. Samuel Truesdell and Mrs. William Shattuck, music committee; Mrs. William P. Stanley, auditor.

Other committee members whose terms are not completed are Mrs. N. P. Wood, honorary past president; Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster, Mrs. Grove Deming, and Mrs. Howard Briggs, directors; Miss Anne Mattoon, Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, Mrs. George N. Kidder, program committee; Miss Natalie Briesmaster, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Rueben Rikert, music committee.

Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, retiring president, gave a report of her two-year term, saying she had been present at every meeting and that every meeting had been carried out as scheduled.

The secretary, Miss Lawley, reported 140 members, a 25 per cent increase in the past two years. Mrs. Walter Hyde, treasurer, reported \$192.03 in the treasury.

The program committee report was given by Miss Mercy Brann, chairman. During the year the club heard seven out of town speakers. Programs for three meetings have been provided by faculty or students from Mt. Hermon or the Seminary and two meetings, the hobby and style show, were planned by members. Mrs. Donald Williams reported for the music committee. The club chorus sang a group of songs with Mrs. Manuel Lopez and Mrs. William Shattuck singing solos.

Spring Meeting Held By County Churchmen

Nearly four hundred members of church Brotherhoods and Mens clubs gathered at Shelburne Falls Monday evening for their spring meeting. The session was held in the First Baptist church. The program began at 6:30 with dinner served in both Cora Smith hall and the Baptist church vestry by women of the four Shelburne Falls Protestant churches. During the dinner hour the men enjoyed community singing. Music for the evening was provided by Ralph Blackmer with Colin B. Richmond presiding at the organ.

Deane H. Jones President of the Federation of the county presided and welcomed all in attendance. The guest speaker was Dr. Enrique De Lozada, professor of Spanish and Latin-American institutions at Williams college, who spoke on "Troubled Europe," a subject of which he has first-hand knowledge. Dr. De Lozada was born in Bolivia, and received his education in France and Switzerland. He spent 12 years in the diplomatic service of the Bolivian government and during part of this period was station in Washington. The following towns were represented by churchmen: Greenfield, Orange, Millers Falls, Turners Falls, Buckland, Colrain, Charlemont, Ashfield, Conway, Montague, Bernardston, Northfield, South Deerfield, Rowe, Williamstown, Heath, and North Adams. Those attending from Northfield and Mount Hermon were: Daniel Bodley, George Carr, Rev. W. S. Carney, G. W. Deming, H. L. Dickinson, E. S. Frary, Ralph Forsaith, F. W. Hodgdon, F. A. Holton, Henry Holton, J. G. Johnson, W. Langille, F. S. Merrifield, Louis Potts, P. Richmond, Peter Skib, Merritt Skilton, L. I. Tabor, Rev. D. B. Tomkins, W. H. Walte.

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Conference Season Announcements Made Much To Interest

A feature of the 1940 Northfield summer conference season will be the Northeastern Regional conference of the United Christian Adult Movement which will take place here during the closing week of the Northfield conference on Religious Education, July 20-27. Commission leaders for this gathering include Dr. Hugh Vernon White of Boston, Dr. L. Foster Wood of the Federal Council, and Dr. Cameron P. Hall of Philadelphia. Two other new conferences meet in Northfield this year are the YWCA Business



Girls' conference and the Mount Hermon School Alumni Institute. Dr. Paul D. Moody, chairman of the Northfield General conference to be held on the campus of Northfield Seminary from July 27 to August 12, lists the following men as speakers: Dr. Paul E. Scherer of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church in New York who is also vice-chairman of the conferences; Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin of Union Theological Seminary; Rev. W. Erskine Blackburn, minister of St. Andrew's in Edinburgh, Scotland; Walter H. Judd, M. D., recently returned from China and an authority on the situation in the Orient; the Very Rev. Richard Roberts, former moderator of the United Church of Canada; and Dr. Oscar Blackwelder, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D. C.

Other outstanding general conference leaders are: Dr. Harry Lathrop Reed, president emeritus of Auburn Theological Seminary; Dr. Merton Stacher Rice, pastor of the Metropolitan church in Detroit; Professor Edwin Lewis of Drew Theological Seminary; and the Rt. Rev. John W. Woodside, pastor of the Chalmers church in Ottawa and present moderator of the United Church of Canada.

The 1940 Northfield summer conference season includes the following gatherings to take place on the campuses of either Northfield Seminary or Mount Hermon school between June 21 and Aug. 12: Northfield Girls' conference, June 21-29; Mount Hermon Alumni Institute, June 29-July 6; Massachusetts Christian Endeavor conference, June 29-July 6; Y. W. C. A. Business Girls' conference, July 6-13; Northfield Missionary conference, July 8-16; United Presbyterian Eastern Workers' conference, July 13-20; Religious Education conference, July 16-27; Summer School of the Westminster Choir college, July 22-Aug. 12; and the Northfield General conference, July 27-Aug. 12.

The annual festival of Sacred Music will climax the season on Aug. 11 with Dr. John Finley Williamson, president of the Westminster Choir college, as director.

Poll Tax Bills Out

Tax Collector Charles F. Slate has sent out the past week the poll tax bills and is now ready to receive payment. A large batch of auto excise bills has also been issued. Prompt attention is required from those receiving the same as the town treasury needs the monies due in order to meet the accumulation of bills on account of the current years needs. It is expected that the local tax rate will be announced soon.

Diphtheria Clinic

The second inoculation for immunizing children against diphtheria will be given at the town hall on Saturday from three to four o'clock in the afternoon. Those desiring to have their children inoculated, and who did not receive the first treatment may make special arrangements if they will confer with the town nurse, Miss Purrington.

Local Woman Honored Is First Vice President County G O P Women

At the annual business session of the Franklin County Women's Republican Club, which was held following the luncheon meeting at the Weldon Hotel last Saturday noon, Mrs. Ross L. Spencer was elected as first vice-president of the organization. Mrs. James A. Gunn of Turners Falls was re-elected president and the other officers are as follows: Mrs. Ira B. Wheeler of Greenfield, second vice-president; Mrs. Peter Yarmac of Millers Falls; recording secretary; Mrs. Frank C. Keegan of Greenfield, corresponding secretary; Miss Helen Gerrett of Greenfield, treasurer; and Miss Elizabeth Childs of Deerfield, auditor.

Directors of districts in the county include Mrs. John R. Kimball of Orange, Mrs. Alice S. Crowell of Bernardston, Mrs. Daisy B. Montague of Sunderland, Mrs. Mabel W. Smith of Shelburne Falls, Mrs. Walter Hatch of Conway, Mrs. Henry L. Avery of Charlemont and Mrs. Robert H. Mills of Montague.

The committee chairmen include: Mrs. Ross Spencer of East Northfield, membership; Rev. Margaret B. Barnard of Greenfield, legislative; Mrs. Halley G. Seller of Greenfield, hospitality; Mrs. Madeline T. Nichols of Greenfield, registration; Mrs. Henry Burke of Greenfield, publicity.

At the open luncheon meeting of the club, a large number of enthusiastic Republican men and women gathered in the newly decorated main dining room to hear Lieut.-Gov. Horace T. Cahill give a spirited address on the tenets of Republicanism. He expressed his appreciation of the splendid work which the women are doing throughout the state and of their interest in the success of the Republican party. All must unite their efforts in behalf of good government in this state and give unselfish service in the campaign to elect clean and honest men to office. The meeting and luncheon was attended by Mrs. Ross L. Spencer and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody from Northfield.

Red Cross Convention Will Meet Next Week

The annual convention of the American Red Cross, which will meet in Washington next Monday through Wednesday is expected to assemble more than 3000 delegates. At the opening session Norman H. Davis, chairman, will speak at 11 a. m. over the National Broadcasting Company's blue network and the Mutual Broadcasting System. The convention dinner will be held on the evening of the second day, with Associate Justice Reed and Norman Somerville of Toronto, chairman of the Canadian Red Cross society as the principal speakers.

The evening session of the first day will be marked by speeches by Ernest J. Swift, vice-chairman in charge of foreign operations, and Malcolm Davis, associate secretary general of the League of Red Cross societies at Geneva, will describe their recent work in supervising relief among civilian populations in Europe.

The Franklin county chapter will be represented by three official delegates.

Mount Hermon School

"Spreading the News" by Lady Gregory was presented by the Senior class of Mount Hermon school Thursday evening in cooperation with the Hayward club. William Ledgard directed the performance. The cast: Allen P. Arnold, George Booth, Herbert Spohn, Robert O'Clair, Alfred Stiles, Tom Burke, John Burrows, Roay Waldau, Scott Pruyn, and Gordon Smith.

The third annual class agents and secretaries convention will convene at Mount Hermon on Saturday at the same time as the alumni council holds its spring meeting. At the noon assembly the speaker will be Frederic W. Lahr '09 counselor. Jerome Burt, president of the alumni association, will induct the senior class into the alumni association.

At the business meeting in the afternoon the following topics will be discussed: the jobs of the class agent and class secretary; financing, the class letter; the 60th alumni anniversary in 1941. The alumni secretary of Amherst college, Mr. Wilson, will be the speaker.

At the alumni-senior banquet in the evening, there will be alumni awards, and addresses by Mr. Burt, Dr. Porter, and Mr. Wilson.

Telephone Expansion In This District Described by President

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. will spend approximately \$518,000 this year to improve and expand its facilities in its Pittsfield district, John J. Robinson, president of the company, has just announced.

The company's plans include providing dial service to replace the present "magneto" service, which requires the use of a hand crank to call the operator, at Bersardston, Millers Falls, and Turners Falls.

In addition to the communities named, the Pittsfield district includes Adams, North Adams,



Savoy, Williamstown, Great Barrington, Housatonic, Lee, Otis, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Dalton, Lenox, Pittsfield, Windsor, Becket, Middlefield, Greenfield, Northfield, South Deerfield.

Mr. Robinson was a luncheon speaker last Friday at the Brooks Hotel in Brattleboro before a group of more than 100 supervisory telephone people representing the Pittsfield and Vermont districts. He was introduced by George A. Morley, manager of the company's western division.

Speaking specifically of the Pittsfield district, Mr. Robinson said that its population of 157,000 represents 2.4 per cent of the population of the company's entire territory in five New England states, and that its 34,570 telephones, or about 28 telephones for every 100 residents, represent 2.8 per cent of those the company serves.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. is represented by 351 trained telephone men and women in the district. Of these 23 handle business matters with customers, 135 are the men who build the telephone plant and keep it in working order, and 193 persons actually handle the calls.

Every day approximately 151,000 calls are made from telephones in the district, and each year about 50,000,000 are handled. The telephone company has a district fleet of 56 motor vehicles, including 11 passenger cars, 30 small trucks and 15 large trucks.

Speaking of the company generally, Mr. Robinson said that although revenues during 1939 of \$77,251,142 were the highest in history, operating expenses and taxes kept net earnings down to a moderate figure. The net increase in telephones for the year was 31,190, bringing the total number of telephones served by the company at the end of the year to 1,246,306, which was 10,514 fewer than were in service in December 1931.

Among the telephone people from this section who attended the meeting were the following: R. H. Hoyt, J. E. Bonville and Lena D. Frye of Greenfield; Sadie Collins of South Deerfield; and Mabel Richardson of the Northfield exchange.

Named To Committee On Old Folks Home

Rev. Dr. A. P. Pratt, President of the trustees of the Home for Aged People of Franklin county has appointed Atty Joseph T. Bartlett, chairman of the executive committee, and Ambert G. Moody of East Northfield, Miss Helen S. Gerrett, Miss Janet S. Russell and Charles D. Severance, all of Greenfield as members. Ambert G. Moody was elected as vice-president to serve with Miss Gerrett. This committee will report to the trustees in October on plans regarding the establishment of the home and measures to be taken to avail the organization of available bequests soon to be released.

Public School Union Re-elect Mr. Robbins School Superintendent

The school committee members of this union public school district which comprises Northfield, Gill, Bernardston, Leyden and Warwick held their annual meeting Monday afternoon at the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield for the consideration of business matters and elected Linville W. Robbins as superintendent for a term which expires in September 1941, when Mr. Robbins will reach his retirement age. Harry A. Erickson of Mount Hermon school was chairman of the union and Mrs. Dorothy A. Miller of this town, secretary.

After the banquet, attended by 60 committee members, teachers, and school officials, there was a short musical program arranged by Irving J. Lawrence. The latter and Mrs. Donald Williams sang and Miss Hazelton of Riverside played the cello. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed was at the piano.

David J. Malcolm, superintendent of the North Berkshire school union, spoke on "Rural School Problems."

State College Music Week Begins Sunday

The second annual music week at State College at Amherst will begin on Sunday. One of the features will be a festival paying tribute to the works of Bach and Debussy. A lecture recital on the works of those composers will be on the afternoon of May 7, and in the evening a concert of Bach compositions will be performed. On the evening of May 9 the concert will be devoted to the works of Debussy. Those participating in the festival will be the Men's and Women's Glee clubs, the Mass. State college choir, members of the orchestra, the Springfield Symphony orchestra, and soloists to be announced.

The concerts will be free and open to the public.

The Tree Committee Plants 53 On Highway

This week some 53 trees arrived from the state, out of a total of nearly 80 expected, consigned to the local Town Tree Committee and they were immediately set out along both sides of the highway from Stearns Garage to the Town Hall. They were young maples and elms and very good specimens. A further shipment is expected later. Thursday the remainder of the trees arrived and were planted.

With The Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of this town and vicinity will meet this Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall. In the presence of friends the members will receive their awards for the past year work. The Brownies, girls between 7 and 10 years of age, under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Buck and Miss Margaret Hubbard, will make their first public appearance. Scenes from the play, "Little Women," will be given by the Mt. Hermon girls' patrol with Mrs. O. Mirtz and Mrs. T. Donovan assisting. Mrs. Sidney Given, Mrs. May Lamphere and Mrs. Flora Abbey have been directing the Northfield town Girl Scouts in a tableau which will be given to represent the Girl Scout program. Besides singing and the awarding of badges there will be a guest speaker from Scout headquarters.

Gave Talk On China

Local friends of Miss Joy Homer, who has recently returned from spending several years in China in behalf of Chinese Relief, attended a talk given by her of her experiences in the Second Congregational church at Springfield Thursday evening. Miss Homer, a young American writer and lecturer, is the youngest daughter of Mme Louise Homer, opera star and Sidney Homer, noted American composer. She graduated from Smith college in 1936 and much interested in social and religious work. She has visited here in the past and with her sisters and parents have been guests at the Homestead.

The new addition to Sunset Inn at Northfield Farms is rapidly nearing completion by the carpenters, Leavis and Bolton. The sun room will provide for an extensive dining service which Mrs. Charles E. Leach will provide in her own unexcelled way.

Rev. Francis Pattison Has Passed In Death Funeral Last Monday

The Press published in its issue of last Friday, news of the serious illness of Rev. Francis Wayland Pattison. As the paper was being received by subscribers, a telegram arrived, announcing the death of Mr. Pattison on Thursday evening. He did not rally from his recent illness and died in the Calgary hospital in Alberta, Canada. His funeral was held on Monday of this week, at his home in West Summerland, B. C., Canada. Mr. Pattison is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maria Pattison, three daughters, Mary, Helen and Meredith, secretary.



and a son, Francis, Jr. Mr. Pattison was the pastor of the local Congregational church between November 1915 and April 1931. During this time, he cared for the religious interest of the students of the seminary, all of whom were included in his congregation of the church he served. He was also pastor of the Mount Hermon school Memorial church. Mr. Pattison came to Northfield from London, where he had been an assistant to Dr. G. Campbell Morgan in Westminster chapel. Previously he had been a missionary in northwest Canada. He left Northfield to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Calgary, Alberta and to accept a position on the faculty staff of the university at Brandon. During a recent summer spent in California he preached a series of sermons in a large church in Los Angeles. He was very active in his work in Northfield, especially during the summer conference season when he frequently participated in the meetings and was a frequent speaker. Stephen Stark in his history of the Mount Hermon church has this to say concerning Mr. Pattison and his work. We quote: "He first appeared in Northfield to give a course of lectures and was recognized at once as a man, whom God had sent. He was 36 years old (1916) a man of charming presence, of perfect antecedents, splendidly trained, loyal to Jesus Christ, yet fully in touch with the modern world and its problems. Mr. Pattison's father was born in Cornwall, England, came to America, entered the ministry, and for 23 years served the Baptist church as professor... in the Rochester seminary. Three of the sons of the elder Pattison followed in his footsteps... Francis was in a succession and accepted it eagerly. Francis completed his education in 1906 and preached in Canada and Boston. In England, too, he had experience assisting F. B. Meyer and Dr. Campbell Morgan. All this bore fruit in Northfield and at Hermon." During the world war Mr. Pattison gave six months Christian service in the war training camps. With fervor and with fortitude, Mr. Pattison entered into Christian activities, and his light, his influence, shines and is felt among those who honored and revered him in Northfield. "He, being dead, yet speaketh." The sympathies of friends are with the bereaved family.

And so ended another primary day, with many wondering what it all about.

Unitarian Parish Has Annual Meeting

The Unitarian church parish held its annual meeting, Monday evening, in the church vestry. Frank W. Williams was chosen moderator and presided at the meeting. Charles C. Stearns was clerk. The executive committee elected were Mrs. John W. McNeil, George N. Kidder, Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Mary Holton, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Carroll H. Miller. Charles C. Stearns was elected clerk; Joseph Morgan, treasurer; Mrs. F. A. Irish, collector; and Mrs. Oler Doolittle, auditor. It was voted to dispose of the church library, which has not been in use for many years. It was also voted to plant evergreens about the church property. Reports were given on the renovation work by George N. Kidder, the Women's Alliance by Mrs. Oler Doolittle and one for the Sunday school. Mrs. John W. McNeil, Mrs. Oler Doolittle and Rev. Mary Andrews Conner will be delegates to the annual May meetings in Boston. The church has an enlarged membership and is in a prosperous condition, with a goodly balance in the treasury. It was voted to close the church during July and August so that members may attend the meetings in the auditorium.

Hermon-Seminary Sunday Speakers

Speakers at each of the Northfield schools this Sunday are nationally famous churchmen familiar to Northfield. Both services in Memorial chapel, Mount Hermon, will be led by Dr. Robert E. Speer, retired secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, former moderator of the Presbyterian church and ex-president of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Henry Pitt VanDusen of Union Theological seminary, well-known summer conference speaker here, will speak at both the services at the seminary. If weather permits, the vesper service will be held on Round Top.

Light Primary Vote Only 52 Ballots Cast Cost Town Dollar Each

Presidential primary day held last Tuesday at the town hall with the polls open from two o'clock until eight o'clock brought out only 52 votes cast of which 41 were Republican and 11 Democratic. Figuring up the expense of this primary as provided by state law, it would seem that it cost the town about a dollar for each vote cast in the total expense of election officials, printing etc. The regular slate of party candidates were approved by a large proportionate vote of each party. On the Republican ballot the voters selected, Governor Leverett Saltonstall, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., and John W. Haigis as delegates to the national convention with Mary B. Besse, Orin S. Kenney, Mary Phillips Bailey and Irene Gowitz as alternates. The so-called "McMasters" ticket was virtually over looked. District delegates approved were Margaret A. Green and John B. Hull, Jr., with Frank A. Bond and Ruth Thomas Gillett as alternates. Neil W. Schoonmaker and Helen S. Gerrett were selected as members of the Republican State committee. The Republican town committee voted consists of William F. Hoehn, George W. Carr, Dorothy L. Miller, Elizabeth M. Spencer, A. Gordon Moody, Charles M. Repeta, Horace W. Bolton, Chas. E. Leach, Carl L. Mason, and Lizette L. Vorce.

The Democratic slate of delegates and alternates, headed by Senator David I. Walsh, were chosen on the Democratic ballot, for the Democratic national convention. The regular Democratic nominees as district delegates were also approved, although in this list, the independent candidate Fred W. Smith was out of the running. For Democratic state committee, there was a contest between William H. Burke, Jr., and Carroll J. Lawler, with Lawler ahead with 9 votes. Frances E. Foley for state committee also won. The local Democratic committee was without nominations, but the following names were written in with a vote apiece and will constitute the committee unless any withdrawals are made: Katherine Callaghan, Lawrence S. Quinlan, Frank Podlenski, Annie Campbell, Harry Gingrass, Dan Richardson and Ignace Bilmon.

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\$10,741,000 of goods were imported from the Dutch East Indies through the Massachusetts customs district... Total imports of the district, mostly through Boston, from all countries in 1939 amounted to \$145,385,000; exports were \$23,098,000... Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission has just published for selected distribution a valuable book on the industrial advantages of the Commonwealth.

Customer: What does this mean? There's a fly in the bottom of my teacup!
Irene: How do I know? I'm a waitress, not a fortune teller.

West Northfield and South Vernon

Charles Sumner has moved to Clifford Fields' house on the Ashuelot road near the Northfield line in Winchester.

Donald Bailey is in Jacksonville Vt., doing sugaring work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Johnson gave a birthday party Sunday in honor of their daughter-in-law Mrs. Erwin Johnson, and their grandson, Stanley Baker. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Johnson and family of Brattleboro and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker and son Stanley of Guilford, Mrs. Erwin Johnson is much improved from her recent illness.

Services of the South Vernon church: This Friday evening, meeting of the young people at the parsonage at 7 p. m. to consider forming a Loyal Workers society. On Saturday, junior mission society with Mrs. White at the parsonage. Next Sunday, morning worship, with children's sermon and adult sermon by the pastor, Rev. Benj. White. The subject of the latter will be "The Unwritten Gospel, or the Gospel According to You." Celebration of communion at the close of the morning service. Sunday school at 11:45. At 6:30 there will be a young people's meeting. At 7:30 evening service, with missionary talk by Mrs. White. She will be dressed in the costume of Palestine and show curios of that country, where she was a missionary for six years. Thursday, May 9, at 7 p. m. mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home, with the pastor in charge.

John Wozniak Jr. has been ill with grip at his home for several days.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers and two children of Marlboro, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bruhm of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barnes and son Richard of Bernardston, and Bernard Barnes of Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. Lysick and family of Turners Falls spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brasseur. Week end guests at the Brasseur home were Mr. and Mrs. William Finney of Linwood, Mass., and Henry and Robert Brasseur of Wilmington.

Miss Florence Clara Brasseur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Brasseur of West Northfield and Harwell Reed Stetson, son of Mrs. Lillian Stetson of Jacksonville, Vt. were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. Stanley Carne of the Northfield Congregational church with the single ring service. They were attended by Henry Brasseur, brother of the bride and Miss Gertrude Stetson, sister of the groom. Roger Bassett was ring bearer. The bride wore white lace and carried a bride bouquet of white roses and ferns. The maid of honor wore pink lace and carried red roses. Two nieces of the bride, Phyllis and Audrey Batchelder carried her veil, wore pink taffeta.

Guests were present from Dover, N. J., Wilmington, Jacksonville and Vernon, Vt. and Northfield, Turners Falls, Springfield, Greenfield, Northampton, Lowell, and Linwood, Mass.

Following the wedding trip with an unannounced destination, the couple will be at home after May 6 in Jacksonville, Vt., where Mr. Stetson is road commissioner. He attended high school there and his bride attended Northfield high school.

Fred Fox has begun repair work on the house of Mrs. Martineau which was damaged by fire last week.

The South school P. T. A. will meet next Tuesday evening at the schoolhouse. After the business session there will be a program, with Warren Dunklee, Courtland Dunklee, Raymond Gould and Glenn Johnson in charge.

Vernon Grange will meet next Wednesday evening. The second degree will be given with inspection by Deputy Clifford Squires of Brattleboro. There will be a Mothers' and Dads' program, with Addabelle Lane and Marion Tyler in charge. The regular dance will be held this week Friday evening.

Miss Helen Williams has returned to her work at W. W. Dunklees after a weeks vacation. Twelve members of the Vernon Grange attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Putney, Vt., Tuesday evening. Those from So. Vernon were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bruce, Ernest Dunklee, Mrs. Warren Dunklee and Mrs. Clayton George.

Carroll Bailey is working for S. J. Martineau and Stewart Bailey is working for W. N. Dunklee while attending Brattleboro high school.

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TOWN TOPICS

A number of local folks are planning to attend the Pancake supper at the Union Vernon church next Wednesday evening. Why not you go too.

The Executive Committee of the county chapter of the Red Cross held a very important meeting at the Franklin County Trust Co. directors rooms in Greenfield Tuesday morning. Three nurses of the Red Cross will attend the convention in Washington next week. Mr. Hoehn, member of the committee from Northfield was in attendance.

Rev. Harold Ingalls, chaplain of the Northfield seminary, is to be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Evening auxiliary this Friday evening at the home of Miss Isabella Thompson.

Marking the close of a successful campaign for funds for the Hampshire-Franklin Boy Scout council, members of the soliciting committees in Franklin county gathered at a dinner at Turners Falls Wednesday evening. A number of the soliciting group from Northfield were in attendance.

Poppo day, for the sale of the flower, symbol of the World War will be held on Saturday, May 25 when the sale of the emblem will be for the benefit of disabled war veterans.

Northfield Grange members will neighbor with Guiding Star Grange next Tuesday evening and provide a program.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the men of the Northfield Fire Department for working to save our house, and especially Charles Johnson with his forest fire equipment.

Mrs. H. V. Martineau
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Martineau
and Family

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TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday, 9:45, church school; birthday giving. 10:45, church worship. The sermon theme will be "What Is the Spiritual?"

The women of the Alliance will meet for sewing from 2 to 4:30 Thursday, May 9 instead of the program as scheduled.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Sunday school at 10. At 11, service of worship; sacrament of the Lord's Supper; sermon subject, "The New Covenant". At 2:30 Sunday school at No. 3 and the Farms, followed by worship. At 6:45, C. E. meeting. At 7:30 worship service.

Wednesday at 8, annual cradle roll party at the vestry; all mothers and small children including the first grade invited.

Thursday at 7:30, prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal. Friday, Bible conference at South Deerfield; all day sessions; Dr. Dan Gilber of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Rood, Bible teacher, are the speakers.

May 13, annual mother and daughter banquet.

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A tall and laughing wench tree,
A slender tree, a tender tree,
That whispers to the rain.
An easy, breezy flapper tree,
A lithe and blithe and dapper tree,
A girl of trees, a pearl of trees,
Beside the shallow Aisne.
The oak is a British tree,
And not at all a skittish tree,
A rough tree, a tough tree,
A knotty tree to bruise.
A drives-his-boots-in-deep tree,
And what-I-and-I-keep tree,
A mighty tree, a blighty tree,
A tree of stubborn thews.
The pine tree is our own tree,
A grown tree, a cone tree,
The tree to face a bitter wind,
The tree for mast and spar.
A mountain tree, a fine tree,
A limber tree, a timber tree,
And resinous with tar.
—By Christopher Morley

CANDLES

Times and customs alter,
The years grow strange
With new manners, new ways,
And many a change.

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Blooms in a room
Like a golden flower
Coming back to bloom.

Here and there a candle
On a window sill
Stands up like a beacon,
Shining pure and still.

No light so clear and steadfast,
No flame so true and fair;
A candle in an old house
Is like an angel there.

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Let's have a candle burning
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TOWN TOPICS

The Executive Committee of the Pioneer Valley Association will hold an important meeting on May 16th and will be attended by A. Gordon Moody and John T. Holden of this town. The committee will consider programs of development in individual towns.

Last Friday evening the members of Harmony Lodge who play competitive games of cards with members of the Hinsdale Lodge were invited to be the guests of the Hinsdale members in a surprise event. When the Northfield players arrived they were taken to Brattleboro and entertained with a turkey supper.

Miss Louise Roe of Newton, who has been recently on a motor tour of Virginia is now at her cottage on Rustic Ridge with Miss Lucy F. Jackson of Madison, N. J. as her guest. Miss Jackson will open her cottage for occupancy this week.

The East Northfield Water Co. has turned on the water supply for the cottages on Rustic Ridge.

Owing to increased demands, Mr. Kidder, has employed a full time mattress maker. His shop is a busy place these days.

The Forest Fire Warden informs us that no person will be given permits for open air fires, until June 10th except on rainy days. Charles L. Johnson our Warden has been so instructed.

Owners of all stickless cars on the highways will face prosecution now. Our selectmen have been notified by Registrar Goodwin. Don't drive your car if it has not been inspected. It will mean trouble.

A number of our local residents are planning to visit the New York Worlds Fair which will open on May 11th.

Ripley Brothers are now quartered in their new location in the Williams building on Main St. They are now able to make a better display of their rugs and have more room provided for their manufacture.

Robert H. Weir, who has been in the local office of the Hostel headquarters, for the past three years, has resigned his work and has gone to St. Louis where he has employment.

Plan to visit the hospitals on Sunday, May 12th when "open house" will be in order at the Vermont County hospital and at Farren Memorial hospital. Further details in next weeks paper.

The county branch of the American Association of University Women held its annual meeting Thursday evening at the home of Principal Mira B. Wilson on the campus of the seminary. William G. Avirett of Deerfield Academy was the guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody were guests of the Boston Teachers group who visit Northfield each year at the hotel, on Monday evening in Boston when they gathered for a dinner and social evening.

The secretaries of the Young Mens Christian Associations of New England will hold a weekend conference at the Northfield Hotel, June 17th to 19th inclusive. About two hundred are expected to attend.

Nearly forty members of the Hotel Womens Relief Association were guests of Manager Moody and his wife of the Northfield Hotel on Wednesday at dinner. They consist largely of wives of hotel managers in New England who voluntarily have banded together to aid hotel employees in an emergency. They already have spent some \$13,000 in grants and have a reserve fund of over \$40,000. The fund is largely made up of contributions from hotel managements and of tips handed over by employees.

Mrs. Leila Allen has opened her Main street home after spending the winter at the Mansion house, in Greenfield.

Mrs. Dana Leavis is ill in the Franklin County hospital in Greenfield.

Miss Ednah Stearns and Miss Caroline Wilkes are back home on Birnam road after being away for the winter.

Pomona Grange will meet at the Montague Grange hall next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at 7 p. m. The program will be about transportation and travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg, who have been at St. Petersburg, Florida during the past winter are returning to town this week.

Mothers Day will be Sunday, May 12th and will be quite generally observed at church services and with home parties.

Mr. and Mrs. George MacMillan of Winchester road, who have spent the winter in Orlando, Florida are on their way home by auto traveling in a leisurely way.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Maydole of Princeton, N. J., have sent a message to friends here saying that they expect to come to Northfield and open their summer cottage on Myrtle street about the middle of May.

Miss Mary Mary Hope Chaney who has been at the Hostel headquarters for some time has resigned and returned to her home in St. Louis.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody were in attendance at the Womens G. O. P. luncheon meeting last week in Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott C. Morse of Jacksonville, Vt., Miss Miriam Morse and Mr. Norman Hadley of Keene, N. H., visited their aunt Mrs. Flora Buffum over last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith, who arrived home from Florida on Saturday, are staying at the home of Miss Virginia Smith.

Mrs. A. F. Bennett has returned to her home after spending the winter in New York with her sister, Mrs. Dudley Taylor.

Mrs. Samuel Alexander has returned from Greenfield and opened her home at Northfield Farms.

The tax rate for the town of Deerfield, just reported by its assessors, will be \$24.60 the same as last year.

Rev. Elliott W. Brown has been quite ill at his home on Main St. but is now slowly improving. He was unable to conduct the services at the Congregational church at Amherst last Sunday.

Miss Edna Holloway and Miss Podlenski of this town are enjoying a visit to the National Capitol.

From Florida we hear a report that Oscar E. Coburn who with Mrs. Coburn have a winter home at Orlando, has been very ill and at the Florida Sanatorium. He has returned to his home and is somewhat improved and looking forward to his early arrival in Northfield and the reopening of his summer home on Myrtle Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary of Highland Ave. are leaving to spend a short vacation this week at their summer home at Richmond, Vermont.

Miss Sarah L. Ayer was in town this week, preparing her cottage in the highlands for occupancy this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright went to Burlington, Vt., last Friday, where the doctor attended the exemplification of the 31st and 32nd degree Scottish rite of Masonry, and the meeting of the Vermont body, with which he is affiliated. While in attendance he participated in the work and was called upon for a verbal message.

Miss Ethel Lawrence who has been with her sister and niece at Madison, N. J. since last fall will not return to her summer home here until about the middle of June.

Mrs. Carrie G. Britton, who is at the home of her daughter in Springfield and who recently suffered a bad fall, is making a slow recovery and confined to her room. She desires to thank all her friends for the many letters and cards of sympathy and cheer.

Rural mail carriers will leave the Northfield postoffice, beginning May 6th at 10:30 o'clock in the morning to make their deliveries. This means that the time is ten minutes earlier than usual. Rural mail will be dispatched at two o'clock.

Mrs. Gertrude Gibson had charge of the baked bean supper served to a large number of guests at the Grange hall Tuesday evening. A card party followed the supper under the direction of Mrs. Emory Rikert.

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United States Senator David I. Walsh and Dr. Paul D. Moody, president of Middlebury college, will be the main speakers at the 70th annual Massachusetts State college commencement, June 7 to 10.

The annual horse show presented by the R. O. T. C. cavalry unit will be the first event on the program, scheduled for 8 p. m. on Friday, June 7, at the riding park on the campus. A baseball game between the State college and Amherst is scheduled for Saturday afternoon following the Alumni luncheon and parade. The final production of the Roister Doister for the year will take place at 9 p. m. Saturday.

Baccalaureate Sunday, June 9 will feature an address by Dr. Paul D. Moody. The service will be held in the college's rhododendron garden. Also to take place in the colorful garden will be the graduation exercises with David I. Walsh, senator from Massachusetts, as speaker on Monday afternoon at 4:30.

The commencement week-end will also include fraternity and class reunions, academics and varsity club breakfasts, a Roister Doister reunion, the president's reception, dances and the traditional class-day exercises.

The Health Council

The regular monthly meeting of the local Health Council is scheduled for next Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the Town Hall when Miss Juliet Whitteker, a consultant in public health nursing will be the speaker. The Health Council makes announcement of the fact that they will hold an auction at the Town Hall sometime in July when they will offer for sale a large collection of furniture and household articles. People who are cleaning house and have any such articles which are not needed might contribute them to the Council. Call Miss Mattoon or Miss Purrington on the phone in regard to the matter.

Hermon Athletics

A triangular track meet and a lacrosse game will feature the opening of the spring sports season at Mount Hermon school Saturday. Vermont Academy and Greenfield High School will oppose Hermon in track, while Williams college frosh come here in lacrosse. Many alumni are planning to be present in connection with alumni council meetings.

Led by Captain Jack Polhemus, the Hermon squad will compete as follows: Bowman, R. Stevenson, and Polhemus in the distance runs; Shelton in the hurdles; Johnson in the sprints; Kuhner in the pole vault; R. Franklin and Shelton in the high jump; and Schiller and Griswold in the weights.

The squad has come along slowly on account of the bad weather, and perhaps will not be at its peak until Memorial Day. Coach Forslund, track coach and head of the physical education department states that entry blanks for 20 schools went out this week for the Amherst Inter-scholastic track meet held here Memorial day.

Skunks, Moles Acquitted

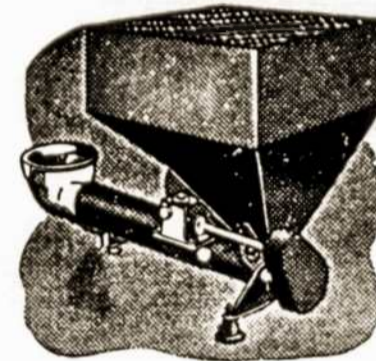
In spite of a rather offensive habit, Jimmie Skunk is a mighty helpful creature around the home and the garden. He feeds principally on insect pests, rats, and mice. Moles, likewise, suffer because of an undeserved bad name. Field mice and woodchucks, on the other hand, are less in evidence, but are the ones which do the damage and should be controlled.

That in brief is the story told by W. W. Dykstra in discussing spring rodent control for Bay State farmers and home owners. Mr. Dykstra is U. S. Biological Survey agent located at Massachusetts State College in Amherst.

Skunks themselves, do not enjoy their own protective odor, and release it only in time of danger. Skunks often establish winter homes under buildings, but usually leave of their own accord in early spring. They may live for months under a building without make themselves known, but once the odor is released, few weapons of man are effective against it. Th gas diffuses widely and is particularly noticeable on quiet damp days. Spreading chloride of lime under affected portions of buildings may reduce skunk odors.

Investigations have proved that only occasionally do skunks develop a taste for chicken, and those with broad white stripes are more disturbing to roosting chickens than those that are nearly all black. There is little evidence to show that skunks prey on game. During the season when native game birds are nesting, the skunks have plenty of insect food, and by the time this supply runs out, the young birds are strong enough to avoid being caught.

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grubs, and insect life, Mr. Dykstra continues. But mice frequently use mole burrows to get at garden bulbs and roots. Openings in the burrows indicate that mice are present. Mice may be caught with ordinary snap traps baited with a mixture of peanut butter and uncooked breakfast rolled oats.

A new gas cartridge for con-

trolling woodchucks is being distributed through county agricultural agents this year. The cartridge, developed by the biological survey, resembles a giant firecracker, and is ignited before being placed in the burrow. Cartridges will be available during May and June, the months when woodchuck control is most effective.

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Friday, May 3, 1940

EDITORIAL

The citizens of this section of the Connecticut River valley are looking forward to some concrete results of the effort of the Pioneer Valley association to induce visitors to come here, as transient sojourners or looking about for permanent residence. It is not sufficient to fill our hotels or empty our gas tanks, to increase purchases in stores or the patronage of restaurants. There must be secured additions to our permanent population, the vacant farms must be utilized and properties now begging for purchasers, be sold. Many of our villages and towns have long lines of available houses, in good condition, for sale at most reasonable prices for causes that do not reflect and happen gradually in each generation. Each community has a problem in its permanence and we have faith that the Pioneer Valley association can be of great assistance in solving the problem.

Last Friday in observance of Arbor Day there was planted on the State House grounds in Boston, a red maple, as the first which will eventually grace the vacant spaces. When suggestions were requested from the citizens of the state, the suggestion of an elm was made from Northfield. However since a red maple was chosen all will acclaim this beautiful tree whose leaves turn darker in the fall. We have several such trees in this town, but the pity is that there are not more. We are still strong for the elm and for the maple but would like to see many more of the red maple interspersed about the community and its highways.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

I was quite interested to learn the other day that we now have a New England rose society. You may remember in one of my recent tirades I mentioned roses. This society will find a welcome in New England where we certainly have plenty of roses. If you don't believe that statement, you just try traveling in other parts of the country and you will come back convinced that roses in New England are 100 per cent better than they are anywhere else.

I picked up one or two items on roses that might be interesting to you in case you are a grower. One is that peat moss mixed with soil about 50-50 makes an excellent bed for roses. And it seems to work in most any type of soil except sandy, silt loam. It causes increased growth and production of flowers. Just why the scientists haven't been able to figure out, but they know it does and that's what counts. Well, rotted manure gave the poorest growth and flower production out of several things tried. So the crux of the matter is, if you are raising roses, incorporate a goodly amount of peat moss into the beds.

Well, so much for roses. I want to put in just a word or two for that old fashioned flower, the peony. About the only thing I can find against the peony is that everybody else has them. But I know that you are not going to throw them away just because of that fact, so here are a few suggestions that might be in order.

Peony bud blight seems to be one of the most common troubles. And right now is the time to start the control wagon rolling. Clean up the old plant refuse, if you haven't done so, and then just as soon as your peonies show their growing shoots through the soil, dust or spray with Bordeaux mixture. Do this every 10 days or 2 weeks and I think you will find that peony blight will stay pretty well where he belongs—in other words, out of the picture. Specialists tell me that a sunny location also aids in controlling this disease.

Three other factors are mighty important in growing these old-fashioned flowers. One is that they like a rather heavy soil, well supported with organic material. Second, at least 3 feet in diameter should be allowed for the development of each plant—in other words, plenty of room. The crown of the plant should not be more than 2 inches from the surface of the soil. Deeper than that frequently causes the plants to fail to bloom. And the third precaution of importance is do not divide your peony clumps any oftener

than is absolutely necessary. Perhaps a fourth point which I should mention is to practice disbudding. In other words, where stalks develop several small buds, pick off the small ones early in the season and encourage only one bud to develop and grow.

And then watch and hand pick the rose bugs which seem to like peonies almost as well as they do roses.

For varieties, let me suggest Cherry Hill which is of Massachusetts origin. This is a deep red double peony. Mme. Gaudichau is another worth growing. This is dark crimson. Solange is white with reddish gold color. Baroness Schroeder has very large white flowers tinted with pink, and Festiva Maxima is white flocked with crimson in the center.

"There's Nothing New"

We quote the following from one of our out-of-town correspondents:

"There is nothing new under the sun" so runs the old saying. We owe Edison a debt of gratitude every time we snap on an electric light, yet we read how Noah made the first ark light on Mount Ararat. Noah was said to have been the greatest financier of his time, for did he not float a great stock company when all the rest of the world was in liquidation? We read in Ruth 4:4 "And I thought to advertise thee" which shows that the art of publicity goes away back. Samson, the strong man, is said to have taken two columns and brought down the house. Fords are also mentioned several times, and it is interesting to note that away back (Judges 11:28) the Israelites "took the fords of Jordan." —D.

Mother: Were you a good little girl at Sunday school today?

Little Tot: Yes, the teacher offered me a big plate of money and I said, "No, thank you."

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